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# N.S. awaits Tory approval: Dexter

- Several provincial projects still waiting on ruling from feds
- Dexter congratulates Layton on historic election; says Ignatieff conducted himself with 'great dignity and intellect'



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Premier Darrell Dexter wasted no time in reminding the newly formed Conservative majority government about projects waiting for their approval.

At the legislature yesterday, Dexter called Monday's election results "remarkable."

"I think people are still digesting all of the story lines that emerged over the evening," Dexter told reporters.

But that was Monday. Now, Dexter said, the two levels of government need to focus on working together.

"There are some very important things that we must now address," he said. "Our province, and the country, needs to be able to supply the services and the economic infrastructure that the country needs. That's where we

must now all address ourselves."

The province has several projects — the proposed convention centre, the hydroelectric deal with Newfoundland and Labrador, the dredging of Sydney Harbour — that were put on pause when the election was called.

The NDP government hoped in vain that negotiations on those projects would wrap before the election. As it stands, the \$159-million convention centre project is being re-costed by developer Joe Ramia, after a second deadline for an agreement was missed last month.

At city hall, Mayor Peter Kelly said he hopes Nova Scotia's MPs — both in government and in opposition — will champion the city's cause.

"We expect them to carry our voices to the table for discussion and debate," Kelly said.

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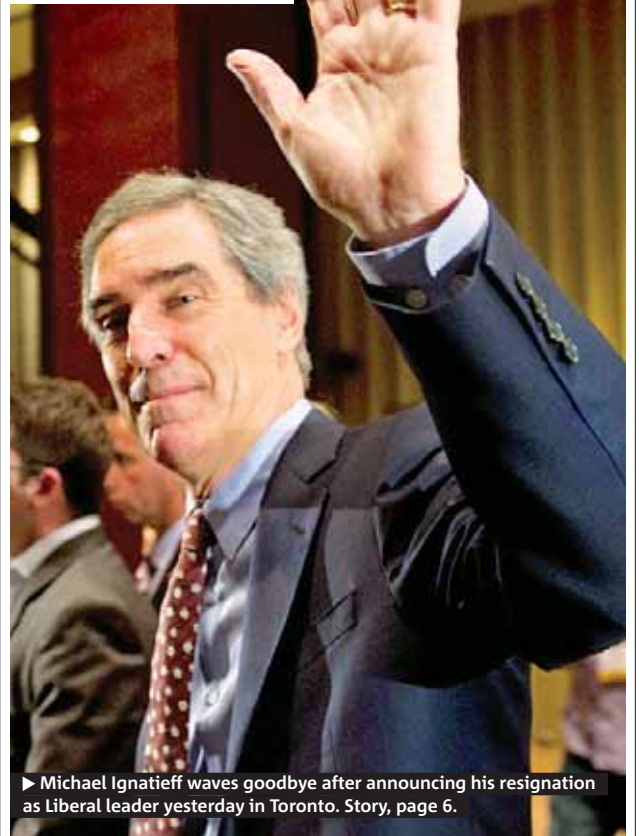


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**"Majorities are majorities. And they're able to operate without co-operation and without necessarily having to take heed of the opposition. It depends on the attitude that the government takes toward the opposition parties."**

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

**Liberals. So long**



► Michael Ignatieff waves goodbye after announcing his resignation as Liberal leader yesterday in Toronto. Story, page 6.

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**After securing his long-sought majority, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he has no surprises planned.**

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# Council reacts to crime wave

► Of the 8 homicides so far this year in HRM, 4 are solved ► Provincial budget for crime prevention went up \$5.2 million in 2009-2010, says justice minister



► Halifax Regional Police officers investigate a shooting scene in Dartmouth last month.



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Several recent murders, shootings and stabbings are prompting responses from HRM council and the justice department.

During a Halifax regional council meeting yesterday, Coun. Darren Fisher proposed sending a letter to provincial Justice Minister Ross Landry.

"I'm willing to bet every gunshot that's been fired has been fired by someone known to police, or most, if not all, have

been arrested or incarcerated before," Fisher said.

"I have huge faith in our police force but I think it's time that as council we express concern of the public to the minister of justice to find out if there's anything he can do to strengthen the justice system for Nova Scotia to keep these individuals off the streets."

Council voted in his favour.

Mayor Peter Kelly told reporters he'd like to see a commitment from the federal and provincial government to reduce vio-

lent crime.

"A strong federal initiative would find support here and across the country ... An enhanced presence from the province would be beneficial as well," Kelly said.

Landry sent out two related press releases yesterday: one was a statement defending his department's commitment to crime prevention, and the other announcing a press conference to be held this morning.

Representatives from Halifax Regional Police

## Landry responds

"Nova Scotia is on the verge of implementing a civil forfeiture unit that will help deter unlawful activity by allowing the province to sell seized assets acquired through criminal activities or used to engage in criminal activities."

- Justice Minister Ross Landry, in a statement.

and the RCMP will be present.

Kelly said yesterday he knew nothing of the press conference.

## Vote on transport

► Council voted to have staff look at all transportation initiatives, including active transportation.

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## Police say two officers assaulted at high school

Police say two officers were roughed up at Citadel High School yesterday.

Just before 2 p.m., Halifax Regional Police went to the downtown school to serve a document to a student. Police say that's when several students became aggressive toward two officers, and were eventually assaulted.

The officers were pushed and grabbed by four males, according to police, and a punch was thrown. There were no serious injuries to either officer.

The accused — an adult and three young offenders — then fled the school after the alleged assault but were arrested by the pursuing officers on Spring Garden Road. ● PHILIP CROUCHER

## Assault charges

► The four males will be in court today to face numerous assault charges.

## Net profit up in Q1: Emera

Power company Emera Inc. reports its net profit soared in the first quarter, but mainly from a one-time accounting gain on two transactions.

The Halifax-based owner of Nova Scotia Power and other utilities said yesterday its net earnings jumped to \$123.6 million or \$1.06 a share for the three months ended March 31. That was up from from \$77.8 million or 68 cents for the same 2010 period.

Operating revenues jumped to \$554.6 million from \$438.5 million. The company said yesterday the latest quarter included \$40.8 million of accounting gains on two transactions.

Excluding that gain, Emera had earnings of \$82.8 million or 71 cents.

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**\$63.6M** Nova Scotia Power Inc.'s net earnings fell slightly to \$63.6 million from \$65.2 million.

## Active transportation plan stalls

Public expectations and high costs are weighing down Coun. Jennifer Watt's idea to install active transportation trails in HRM.

At council yesterday, she proposed staff write up a report on spending \$10

million over five years so people could use bike lanes and sidewalks to get to work.

Coun. Reg Rankin said it should be looked at as a piece of the "transportation envelope."

He said council is al-

ready focusing on transit initiatives and doesn't have enough money to cover those projects.

"Nobody around this table rejects the idea of active transportation. It's a balancing act," he said.

► JENNIFER TAPLIN



# Using his sorrow to fight malaria

► It is a long road back to Nigeria for malaria survivor Olugu Ukpai ► Halifax resident started charity CHAMA in memory of his 14-month-old daughter, who died from the illness

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Olugu Ukpai sits in his living room with a photo album. Inside are pictures of his twin daughters, Goodness and Mercy.

But today, only six-year-old Mercy sits next to Ukpai on the couch. Her sister Goodness died of malaria when she was only 14 months old.

"I declared war on malaria," Ukpai proclaims.

Ukpai, a survivor of malaria himself, was working toward a masters in international development studies at Dalhousie University when he received a call from his hometown of Amangwe, Nigeria, saying his daughter had fallen ill.

"I was totally devastated," he says with a heavy sigh from his north-end Halifax apartment. "I can't remember a day where I cried like that."

So in 2006, Ukpai founded CHAMA, Challenge AIDS and Malaria in Africa: a locally run charity dedicated to eradicating the illnesses.

"I realized that in order to fight malaria you must

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first fight poverty," says Ukpai, who turns 36 this week.

With this in mind, Ukpai has made three trips back to Nigeria, bringing with him malaria medication, clothing, mosquito nets and means to provide smaller communities in Africa access to clean drinking water.

Another problem Ukpai recognizes is the lack of sex education in villages such as his hometown and hopes organizations like his can help raise awareness.

Ukpai plans to return to Africa as soon as CHAMA has the resources to do so. For the most part, he has financed trips to Nigeria out of his own pocket.

"My dream, my aspiration in life, is for children in Africa to have the same kind of emergency health services we have here in Canada," he says.



► Olugu Ukpai poses for a photo with his daughter Mercy at their Halifax home last week.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Council set to contact PM over shipyard

A letter will soon be on its way to the Prime Minister's Office and Defence Minister Peter MacKay showing HRM council's backing of Irving Shipyard.

Irving is one of four shipyards — one shipyard recently dropped out — vying for federal shipbuilding contracts worth \$30 billion over the next 30 years.

"It's very important we stand behind the shipyards," said Coun. Jerry Blumenthal.

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## Building to be torn down

The former home of Café Chiante — the building on South Street — will need to be torn down.

Yesterday Coun. Dawn Sloane asked council to adjust height restrictions in that area so the owner of the building, which also had several residential units, can attract developers to the site.

A fire in January 2010 caused significant damage to the building and it cannot be saved, Sloane said.

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## Potential for new lot

A \$630,000 park-and-ride parking lot could be coming to the Hubley area. Yesterday council voted to start the process of installing a lot off exit 4 on Highway 103. ● METRO

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# Citizen advisory to be dismantled

► Opposition against government decision ► 'We still can engage volunteers to do reports': Deputy premier



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Deputy Premier Frank Corbett tabled legislation yesterday that would absorb staff from the Voluntary Planning Board into the Treasury Board. The board itself, comprised of volunteers who offer advice on government policy, will be dissolved.

Corbett said the move was to bring the formerly citizen-led body more in line with government's thinking.

"It's about government perspective," said Corbett. "Governments in the past have taken reports and just said they have (the) report

and then ignore it. If it's not in line with government thinking, why have it?"

Voluntary Planning, an 11-member board in place since the Stanfield era, acted as a go-between for the government and the public. The board, along with paid staff, sought feedback on policy from the public, and provided that feedback to the government.

The government expects absorbing the board into the Treasury Board will improve the progress, making public engagement more "systematic."

But Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the move will increase government control on policy matters.

## MLA salaries

► The legislation also postpones an inquiry into MLA salaries until after the next general election. Corbett said the government does not "want to open the door to a review which could potentially recommend further increases."

"It's strictly telling you 'we know what's best for you. Just sit back and take it,'" said McNeil.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said he would prefer to keep Voluntary Planning, rather than commissioning private consultants to prepare reports.

## Casting. Flies



► The final play of the Neptune Studio season — The Fly Fisher's Companion starring John Dartt as Don and Don Ritchie as Wes — is now underway and running until May 15.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Neptune reels 'em in one last time

## Have your say on auto insurance

The province is asking for public input on a draft report on the auto insurance industry.

The draft report, released yesterday, was commissioned to examine the industry's coverage and

premiums in the province. Public comments on the report will be accepted until May 17.

The report can be found at [gov.ns.ca/autoinsurance-review/](http://gov.ns.ca/autoinsurance-review/).

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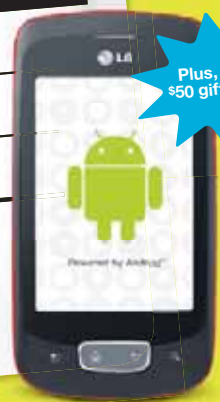
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## NDP SWEEP

**Barely legal voter is now MP**

They were a motley crew of underdogs with virtually no political experience.

One of them, a 19-year-old, was not only voting in his first election but also became the youngest person ever elected to Canada's Parliament.

Pierre-Luc Dusseault, a student of applied politics at the Université de Sherbrooke, now becomes the youngest member of Parliament in Canadian history, according to the House of Commons website.



► Pierre-Luc Dusseault

He surpasses Claude-Andre Lachance, a Trudeau Liberal who was elected at age 20 in 1974.

Two others won francophone ridings despite being accused of struggling in French. One spent a week vacationing in Las Vegas during the campaign.

Many admitted to having low expectations when the writ was dropped.

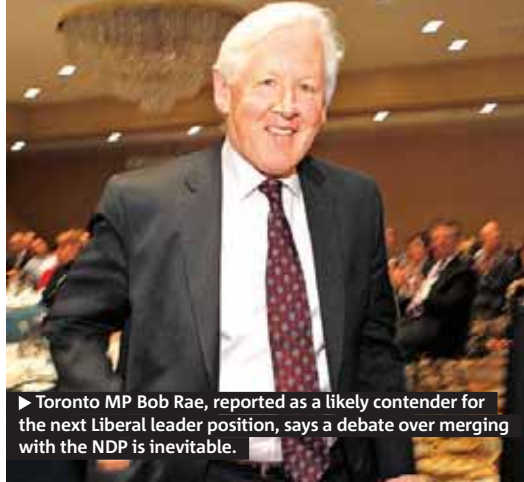
Yet they were among dozens of unlikely Quebec NDP candidates who won Monday. Many will bring impressive backgrounds into Parliament.

Among the newcomers are a former diplomat, a prominent Cree leader and an ex-Liberal MP once considered a shoo-in for a cabinet post.

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# Ignatieff resigns, party left in ruins

RENE JOHNSTON/TORONTO STAR



► Toronto MP Bob Rae, reported as a likely contender for the next Liberal leader position, says a debate over merging with the NDP is inevitable.

## ► Iggy blames Tory attack ads for demise ► NDP merger talks floating

Debate over the Liberal party's future began raging even before Michael Ignatieff announced yesterday that he will resign as leader.

Toronto MP Bob Rae, a likely contender to succeed Ignatieff, triggered much of the talk with a blunt assessment that the decimated party can't avoid discussing the possibility of merging with the ascendant NDP.

Ignatieff weighed in against the idea but acknowledged he won't be

calling the shots after leading the Liberals to a bloodbath Monday, in which he even lost his seat.

"I will not be remaining as leader of this party," Ignatieff told red-eyed supporters during an emotional news conference in Toronto.

"I will work out with the party officials the best timing for a departure."

He indicated that he expects his successor will likely be chosen in the fall.

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# Transparency not an issue for most: Baird



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Conservative supporters at John Baird's victory party in Ottawa West-Nepean said they're "overjoyed" at the party's showing in the election, but they don't want to be named in print.

"I think this goes to the

brilliance of Stephen Harper, John Baird, Jason Kenney and Scott Reid," one said.

But when he learned that media wasn't supposed to be talking to him he asked that his name, which he'd given earlier, not be used in print.

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► John Baird celebrates with supporters after his election win Monday night.

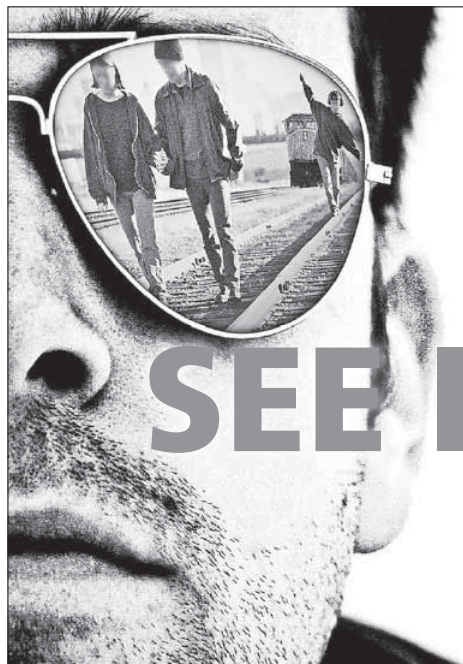
be permitted with supporters in attendance," in an email sent by director of communications Chris McCluskey.

Asked what that ban means for transparency in his riding, Baird brushed off the concern.

"Well you know there's been a lot of discussion about that. I think the big

issues for the Canadian people in election were jobs and the economy," Baird said.

"These are the big priorities in Canada. I think some in the mainstream media put an unusual focus on issues of that nature and I think it's not the priority of the Canadian public," he added.



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# Hidden in plain sight: the elusive Osama bin Laden

► U.S. presses Pakistani government on al-Qaida leader's benefactors ► Military intelligence under scrutiny

Congress may consider cutting the almost \$1.3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Pakistan if it turns out the Islamabad government knew where Osama bin Laden was hiding, the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said she wants more details from CIA director Leon Panetta and others about the Pakistani government's role.

Incredulous lawmakers are pressing Pakistan for answers to two simple questions: What did its army and intelligence agents know of bin Laden's whereabouts and when did they know it?

The al-Qaida terrorist leader behind the Sept. 11,

## Mission improbable

The White House say Osama bin Laden was unarmed when he was confronted by U.S. commandos at his Pakistani hideout.

► **Injured** One of bin Laden's wives tried to rush the U.S. assaulters and was shot in the leg.

► **Success** The daring Navy Seal team code-named their target Geronimo.

2001, attacks lived and died in a massive, fortified compound built in 2005 and located on the outskirts of Abbottabad, just kilometres from the capi-

tal of Islamabad.

It stood just a half-mile (less than a kilometre) from the Kakul Military Academy and close to various army regiments.

Congressional Republicans and Democrats questioned whether bin Laden was hiding in plain sight, with Pakistani military and intelligence either unaware of his location or wilfully ignoring his presence to protect him.

"I think this tells us once again that, unfortunately, Pakistan at times is playing a double game," said Sen. Susan Collins, a Senate Armed Services Committee member who indicated Congress could put limits on funds for Pakistan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Royal couple take low-key honeymoon

It's back to normal routine for Prince William and Kate Middleton as Britain's most glamorous royal couple is spending this week on an island — just not the kind of island everyone expected.

It's not a private honeymoon retreat in the Caribbean or the Seychelles, but Anglesey, a wind-swept spot off north-west Wales where Prince William works as a search-and-rescue helicopter pilot at the Royal Air Force Valley base.

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The island measures just 30 miles (48 kilometres) from one end to the other.

## U.S. Obesity



► First lady Michelle Obama dances with students at Alice Deal Middle School in northwest Washington yesterday.

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U.S. President Barack Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, unveiled her national public awareness campaign, "Let's Move" last year with an aim to eliminate childhood obesity within a generation.

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# Short-lived relief over Tory majority

► Investors move on to more pressing matters ► Like Mideast turmoil, the U.S. economy, European debt ...

A business-friendly Conservative majority government gave financial markets some cause for comfort yesterday.

But the news failed to inspire gains on the Toronto stock market, which tumbled almost 250 points as investors looked beyond the victory and focused on headwinds facing equity markets.

Resource stocks led declines as a stronger U.S. dollar pressured oil and gold prices, which in turn pushed down the Canadian dollar.

Traders were relieved to see a majority win in Monday's election since it removes a degree of political uncertainty. But analysts said there were plenty of



other things for investors to worry about.

"The Mideast is in turmoil, the U.S. is in turmoil and probably will continue to be as it figures out it has a long-term economic problem. And you have the European debt crisis," said John O'Connell, chief executive of Davis Rea Ltd.

The election cleared the way for the federal budget to be passed. Observers expect the Conservatives will

retable the budget introduced by Jim Flaherty this spring.

Among its provisions, small businesses would receive a credit to offset a rise in employment-insurance premiums, and companies would be allowed to write off the cost of new equipment in just two years, faster than normally allowed.

But corporate Canada could face higher bills. The government had planned to make changes in the way partnerships work that previously allowed for the deferral of corporate tax. Also on the agenda were changes to the rules governing the way dividends are paid.

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## Ford tops in sales

Ford Canada has reported its best April since 2000, making it the country's top-selling automaker last month. Canadian sales rose nine per cent to 25,548 vehicles from 23,441 in the same month last year. Ford saw car sales rise 33 per cent, while truck sales were up three per cent as higher gas prices drove some consumers to make more fuel-efficient choices.

Meanwhile, sales at Honda Canada fell six per cent to 12,269 units, as the car maker dealt with parts shortages since the March 11 earthquake.

Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. said April sales have broken its all-time record for a single month, with 14,267 units sold, a gain of 14.2 per cent over last year.

Volvo Canada also reported double-digit growth in April, with 705 vehicles sold, up 11.4 per cent from March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## JUST SAYING ...

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What scientists do all day is kind of a mystery.

We imagine they spend their days searching for a cure for cancer or watching the polar ice caps melt.

Not all of them, it turns out. A team of scientists at the University of Kentucky listens to tunes all day.

Hey, they're just like us!

Before you start imagining a bunch of guys with lumpy sweaters and sensible shoes gettin' jiggy with The Black Eyed Peas, remember, these are scientists and there's a serious point to all this.

And that is: After running three decades of hit songs through the computer, Dr. Nathan DeWall, a psychologist at the above-mentioned grooveyard of golden goodies has discovered a significant trend toward narcissism and hostility in popular music.

Not sure he needs a research lab for that ... all he really needs is an iPod and Eminem's Greatest Hits, but he's on to something.

Thirty years ago, everyone was having a good time (Kool & The Gang: Celebration); in racial harmony (Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder: Ebony And Ivory); and togetherness (Sister Sledge: We Are Family).

These days, forget about peace and love, it's just about me. Or Justin Timberlake ("I'm bringing sexy back"), or Beyoncé

("It's blazin'. You watch me in amazement"), and Fergie ("It's personal, myself and I.")

As for the bred-in-the-hood surliness of Eminem and his posse, DeWall factored in a control for hip hop so those lyrics don't unfairly dominate his study.

He discovered that although pop music may be dominated by barely weaned puppies like Justin Bieber, it's not all love songs to Dora The Explorer. No one is feeling the love much these days, unless it's love of self. Exhibit A: Keri Hilson's "All eyes on me when I walk in, no question that this girl's a 10."

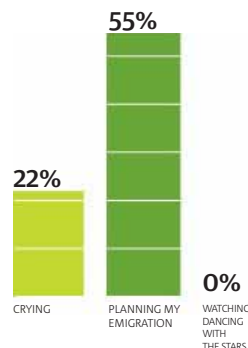
It's hard to believe things can change so much in a single generation, but guess what happens when the only subject taught in school is self-esteem? Then when you go to college, it's Self-Esteem 101, Advanced Self-Esteem 201, etc.

Ergo: Pop self-esteem sells. I don't need a scientist to tell me that. In fact, I don't need anyone to tell me what to think. I'm the greatest writer in the world, and I'll think whatever I feel like thinking. And if you don't like that, remember Cee Lo Green's message in his 2010 Billboard Top 100 hit, F--- You.

Er, I can't actually do that. This is a family newspaper.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at [metronews.ca/justsaying](http://metronews.ca/justsaying)

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## Worth mentioning

**NEW YORK.** The best place in the world to be a mom is Norway, where maternal and child mortality rates are low, women's life expectancy and years in school are high, and the average maternity leave is about one year, a new study measuring the well-being of mothers and babies shows.

Australia and Iceland join Norway at the top of Save The Children's 12th annual Mothers Index, released yesterday. Canada ranks 20th, the United States places 31st and Afghanistan is last.

The international non-profit group's ranking analyzes the maternal and child indicators and other published information of 164 countries.

The survey considers Afghanistan the worst place to be a mother, with women having a life expectancy of 45 years — the world's lowest — and one of every 11 women dying in childbirth. One in every five children in the country doesn't live to age five.

By contrast, a typical Norwegian woman lives to be 83 years old, and just one in 175 will lose a child before his or her fifth birthday.

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## WEIRD NEWS

## Fanning the flames of transit rage

Tempers can flare when your morning commute turns into a delay-induced sit-in.

But while many of us tear up our tickets, tweet our frustrations and glare at the teenager blaring his iPod who keeps kicking the seat, a group of Argentinean travellers went a few steps further when it decided to burn down its train.

The rail roasting was ignited Mon-

day, during the morning rush hour commute that brings workers from the suburbs into Buenos Aires. But instead of being glided into the city, passengers were left stranded for 30 minutes after a train derailment.

That's when the rage set in and eight carriages at three commuter stations went up in flames, with violence quickly spreading from the Haedo stop to the nearby stations of Ramos Mejia and Cuidadela.

The angry mob of commuters also forcefully removed train drivers and an inspector from a train and stole ticket boxes from one station. Three passengers were arrested over the incidents, federal police deputy Chief Hugo Matzkin told the Buenos Aires Herald. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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► Chris Hemsworth admits it took effort to bulk up for the role of Thor.

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# Thor looks good in 3-D

► Director Kenneth Branagh says the most important part of the film was casting Thor



Tasked with bringing Thor from the comic book pages to the big screen, director Kenneth Branagh couldn't help but feel a bit daunted.

The scale of the undertaking couldn't help but make you feel that way, he says. "It was very, very challenging, but that was a part of what was attractive," says Branagh.

Luckily, producer and Marvel honcho Kevin Feige was there to keep him on task: "On Day One, I asked Kevin, 'What should I do first?'" Branagh remem-

bers. "And he said, 'The one thing you need to do right now — and until it's finished — is cast Thor. That's it. Just cast Thor.'"

Not an easy task as it turns out, though as the story for the film developed, Branagh found himself circling back to a young actor who had read early in the casting process: Chris Hemsworth.

"You're looking for really a lot tied up in one bundle," Branagh says of the character, the Norse god of thunder who is cast out of Asgard by his father, Odin.

"At one point we said, 'We should go back and meet that very handsome

Australian lad who came in.' There was this required quality of an innate, charming confidence that did not spill over into arrogance that meant he would stand up in a scene with Anthony Hopkins."

Of course that's not all Hemsworth had going for him: "When he takes his shirt off there's obviously a wow factor that cannot be denied," Branagh says.

Bulking up enough to earn those accolades wasn't easy for 27-year-old Hemsworth — though it wasn't the weight-lifting that gave him the most trouble.

"The most uncomfort-

able thing was the eating," Hemsworth says. "I just don't naturally sit at that weight, so I'd have to force-feed myself with ... 20 chicken breasts and rice and steak. All very boring, sort of plain things. That was the most exhausting part of the whole film."

What was daunting for Hemsworth was working with the veteran Hopkins. The younger actor wasn't prepared for Hopkins' brand of humour.

"I remember being on set our first day with Tony and going through the rehearsal, and Tony saying, 'Is that how you're going to do it?' and then going, 'He's

kidding, right?'" Hemsworth remembers. "That's a big thing I learned from Tony — have a good time doing it. What should've been the most intimidating experience walking in was the most enjoyable."

As it turns out, Thor wasn't Hemsworth's favourite choice when it comes to superheroes — not that he isn't thrilled to play him.

"I would run around the house pretending to be (Superman). At some stage when I was a kid I also had a Robin costume ... A nice pair of green underwear and a yellow shirt and red cape."

### Scene in brief



Zach Galifianakis leads the 15th annual Webby Awards with four awards for his *Between Two Ferns* With Zach Galifianakis Web series.

Galifianakis' irreverent interview show won best Web personality, best comedy short and best online variety show.

Lisa Kudrow won two awards for her *Web Therapy* series. *Arcade Fire's* innovative *The Wilderness* Downtown music video also won two awards.

Justin Bieber took the People's Voice award for best comedy video for his April Fool's takeover of *Funny-OrDie.com* as Bieber or Die.

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## DEFINITELY FAMOUS AND ALMOST AWARD-WORTHY

### IN FOCUS

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On a recent episode of *30 Rock*, Tracy Jordan joked that he made a North Korean propaganda film directed by Kim Jong-Il rather than appear in a Kate Hudson film. It was a funny joke on a show known for

its irreverent take on celebrities but like all good jokes there's a hint of truth to it.

Of course Hudson is still a popular actress; capable of headlining any Hollywood rom-com, but this is more a question how an Oscar winning actress who once said, "I'm not a big fan of romantic comedies," ended up with a CV littered with toxic titles like *Fool's Gold*, *My Best Friend's Girl* and *Bride Wars*?

It's not all bad news in Kate's career, however. This

weekend she is firmly rooted in rom-com fluff land with *Something Borrowed*, but lately there have been signs that she's making some effort to stretch her comfort zone.

*Cinema Italiano*, her exuberantly fluffy all-singing-all-dancing tribute to 1960's pop music and style was one of the best things about *Nine*, the musical version of Federico Fellini's classic *8 1/2* and *The Killer Inside Me*, a violent, hard-boiled crime story are steps in the right direction, but

they're baby steps.

I want to be a Kate Hudson fan. I really do, but I need convincing that she wants me to be a fan and taking the easy route isn't going to do that.

I'd like to see Kate stretch in that way. Watch *Almost Famous* again and see the heartbreaking pathos she brings to every frame of that movie. That's the stuff careers and legends are built on and she has the talent and the know-how to give us more of that.



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The Book of Mormon gets a leading 14 Tony Award nominations; The Scottsboro Boys gets 12.

# Royal couple may head for Hollywood

► Looks like William and Kate will drop by to see the Beckham clan

Prince William and his new wife may be heading to Hollywood, according to royal family expert Andrew Morton. "Royal aides have penciled in a two day visit to Hollywood at the end of their tour of Canada, which takes place in late June and early July," Morton reports.

Morton says it's likely that royal wedding guests David and Victoria Beckham would be involved in the L.A. visit. ● METRO



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► Rob Lowe

## Sheen rejects offer of help from Rob Lowe

Rob Lowe, who himself has been sober for 21 years, says he's offered help to longtime friend Charlie Sheen, but the offer wasn't exactly well-received.

"I love Charlie deeply, always have. I've always wanted him to be healthy, happy and together. But he's doing it his way for better or worse," Lowe tells Popeater. "I say, 'Charlie come my way.' He doesn't want to. To put it mildly, he's not interested." ● METRO

## Looks like Pussycat Doll has X Factor

While there's still no word from Simon Cowell on the list of judges for the U.S. edition of the X Factor, Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger is reportedly set to be the host of the new show, according to People magazine.

Scherzinger has some experience with the franchise, as she was a guest

### Celebrity tweets



"I just made a kickass chocolate mousse cake, in preparation for my local baking competition."

@lilyroseallen

@adamlambert

"I shaved. Y'all can relax now. Haha"

@jimmykimmel

"I really hope bin laden didn't get reincarnated as one of Mariah Carey's babies."

@PaulaAbdul

"social media is a gift in times of disaster or crisis. amazing people sharing their experiences FIRST HAND. LOVE hearing from everyone!"

## Wedding will have to weight

Jessica Simpson is excited about marrying fiancé Eric Johnson, but she reportedly won't do it until she's dropped a few more pounds, according to Hollyscoop.

"Jess and Eric are happier than ever and enjoying a little too much of the good life," a source says. "They were hoping for an early summer wedding, but pushed it back so they both have a chance to shed extra pounds." The source explains that Simpson has already lost 20 pounds thanks to a strict diet and workout regimen, but she's still not comfortable



being in a wedding dress and wants to drop another 20 pounds.

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# A girls getaway to Mexico

► Not all resorts are equal — some offer that something extra special to give you a relaxing vacation ► Everything you need for a girls holiday

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Some people can relax quickly by hopping a flight to a random all-inclusive beach vacation. Others, I found out on a recent girls' getaway trip to Cancun and the Riviera Maya, need a few extras to kickstart the decompression.

## Making Yourself a Priority

If, like me, you tense up at the thought of check-in crowds and crammed-together charter seating, consider an upgrade that streamlines the travel process. Transat Holiday's Options Plus ensured our group priority boarding, roomy up-front seats in



► A view of the Excellence Playa Mujeres.

which work-stiff shoulders could relax immediately, priority unloading of our luggage when we landed, and pronto transportation to our hotel via private vehicle.

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Welcome to the Excellence Playa Mujeres in Cancun, Mexico. This is a five-star hotel akin to New York five-star, only on a much better beach.

Services at Aiile, the adult-only hotel's impres-

sive spa, banish the remnants of work-related fatigue and nine restaurants offer fare worthy of the term gourmet.

## Keep it coming

At the Royal Hideaway in Riviera Maya, meandering paths branch off to a number of cheerful two-storey Colonial-style villas with open centre courtyards.

Skilled spa therapists again reduce us to mellow Jell-O. Outside, the atmosphere has a bit more of a party vibe than the Excellence Playa Mujeres. A buff instructor encourages water-aerobics participation to catchy dance tunes; we join in and enjoy poolside snacks and drinks. This is the life.

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## Travel in brief



Whale watching companies are predicting a successful season this year in the Strait of Georgia after numerous orca sightings in recent weeks. The whale watching season kicked off April 1 and runs until October. On the web: [vancouverwhalewatch.com](http://vancouverwhalewatch.com) and [seabreezeadventures.ca](http://seabreezeadventures.ca)

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# Nevis: A Caribbean gem

► Amazing beaches, flora and fauna greet visitors to this well-kept secret hot spot ► The breathtaking views from the Nevis Peak makes for a great hike ► No all-inclusives here but that allows you to dabble in the local cuisine

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Nevis Peak soars out of the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea topped with a halo of white clouds. It is the island's showpiece and figurehead, a proud symbol of peaceful, eco-friendly living. Nevis is one of the Caribbean's best kept secrets.

Located 3.2 kilometres from the shore of neighbouring St. Kitts, the government of Nevis has been

careful not to allow the crush of time share complexes and hotel chains to ring its beaches.

Known as the Queen of the Caribbees, Nevis has a rich heritage of old sugar plantation ruins and is the birthplace of Caribbean tourism. The Bath Hotel opened in 1778 and became the playground of the rich and famous. You can still take a dip in the healing mineral hot springs at the base of the old hotel that now houses government offices.



► The island of Nevis is known as the Queen of the Caribbees.

## Getting there

The most efficient route from Canada is to fly direct from Toronto to St. Maarten or Antigua then take one of the connector flights like LIAT to Nevis. LIAT (liat.com) flies to 22 destinations in the Caribbean. Another option is to fly to St. Kitts and take a short ferry ride over to Nevis.

## What to do there

For the adventure seeker, you can hike uphill through the tropical rain forest until you reach the top of Nevis Peak. Afterwards, you could lunch at the Golden Rock Estate taking in its stunning vistas of the Caribbean Sea and Montserrat.

A trip to the Botanical Gardens where rainforest flora and fauna intermingle with seventy varieties of orchids would be a good excursion, along with a visit to the Nevisian Heritage Village.

Shopping in the capital of Charlestown might



► Orchids

beckon you but if the beauty of Nevis is still calling, you could go horseback riding or deep sea fishing. But the ultimate thing to do in Nevis is to crawl into a comfortable beach chair or hammock, stare at the calming turquoise water and do — absolutely nothing.

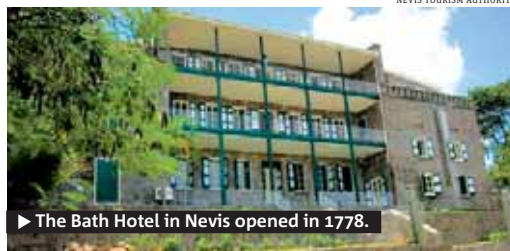
## Where to stay

There are no all inclusive hotels on the island but what you will discover are amazing four and five star resorts and guest houses. One of the most famous is Nisbet Plantation Beach Club. The luxurious resort features 36 cottages lining the perimeter of the Avenue of the Palms that

leads you down to the white sand and ocean.

The Great House, built in 1778 has been lovingly restored and dining there is an inspiring infusion of Caribbean, West Indian and North American favourites.

Nisbet Plantation is an experience to be savoured and was recently named the Caribbean resort of the year by Travel and Leisure Magazine.



► The Bath Hotel in Nevis opened in 1778.



► Miss June's dining room.

## Where to dine

When Stedman Graham and long time steady Oprah tell you to open a restaurant, you make it happen.

At 84-years-old Miss June is still enchanting people who come to dine at her beautifully appointed Nevisian home. Long known as the finest cook on the island,

Stedman and Oprah raved about Miss June's delicately spiced West Indian curries, mouth watering fish and vegetarian dishes and convinced her to go into business.

Miss June's is only open once or twice a week and reservations are essential. It is a Nevisian gastronomic delight and definitely one of Oprah's favourite things while visiting the island.

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# Bay of Fundy, a unique wonder

► With the highest tides in the world, there are plenty of exciting activities and sights for tourists

A lot has been written about Atlantic Canada's Bay of Fundy since it was named one of the top 28 finalists in the global New7Wonders of Nature campaign, but lesser known is the multitude of opportunities the bay offers to tourists.

There's sightseeing, hiking, fossil hunting, boating, whale watching, tidal bore rafting, fishing, camping and, of course, enjoying the variety of delicious seafood.

The 270-kilometre-long Bay of Fundy is bordered by the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and features the world's highest tides.

More than 100 billion tonnes of seawater flow in and out of the bay during each tide cycle, resulting in dramatic changes along the

shoreline.

In places like Hopewell Cape, N.B., you can go kayaking, and just six hours later be walking on the ocean floor.

"If the tides are that high, they're also that low, so they go out several kilometres in several locations around the bay," said Terri McCulloch, executive director of Bay of Fundy Tourism.

"There is an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the ocean floor at low tide."

McCulloch recommends Alma Beach and numerous places along the Fundy Trail in New Brunswick, as well as the Parrsboro area in Nova Scotia as places to safely walk on the ocean floor when the tide is out.

The Fundy Trail — which

runs between St. Martin's, N.B., and Fundy National Park — offers visitors lots of opportunities to experience the bay from scenic vistas, as well as excellent driving, biking and hiking routes.

In St. Martin's you can see the caves that have been carved into the cliffs by the tides. Here there are a number of quaint bed-and-breakfasts, and a number of places that boast the best seafood chowder — a claim you'll hear in many places around the bay.

Speaking of food, there's never a lack of fresh lobster, clams or mussels to feast on anywhere on the New Brunswick or Nova Scotia sides of the bay. Smoked salmon is another delicacy the bay is known for.

If viewing marine life is



► There are 12 species of whales in the Bay of Fundy.

more your fancy, there are many whale watching companies that offer tours in the outer areas of the bay — particularly between Grand Manan Island and St. Andrews, N.B.

"We have 12 species of whales in the bay," McCulloch said. "The right whales

are probably best known because they are an endangered species and we are the summer feeding habitat for those whales."

Porpoises and seals are also plentiful in the outer bay, and passengers taking the ferry ride to Grand Manan are almost guaran-

teed to see a variety of sea life.

"Seeing the whales is something that has meant a lot to us as a family," said New Brunswick Premier David Alward. "It is very much a part of who we are."

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# The fastest way to creative creations

► The panini press does more than make sandwiches ► It creates delicious (and quick) appetizers and desserts

The panini press is most often used to make pressed sandwiches.



Now these appliances are being employed to create creative appetizers and desserts.

You can buy an electric panini press for as little as \$40, or as much \$300; the models around \$100 often offer the most versatility at the best price point. Most of the clam-shaped devices have ridges (though some are flat and griddle-like) and heat up on both the top and bottom grill plates, so they cook things really fast.

## Countertop Napoleons

Who knew a panini press and a package of frozen puff pastry could be combined to create such a light and elegant dessert?

Best yet, the whole



► This Countertop Napoleon is made in four simple steps.

thing comes together in little time and with even less mess. You simply thaw the puff pastry (available in the grocer's freezer section), cut it into squares, then throw it on the panini press. Cooking the pastry on a panini press makes for perfectly gold-

en, crisp and gently puffed flaky layers.

Once your pastry layers are cooked, you layer them with whipped cream (you can use purchased if you want to make this dish even faster and easier) and fresh berries.

The result is a dessert to rival restaurant offerings.

### Preparation:

- 1 Heat a panini press or countertop grill.
- 2 Cut each sheet of puff pastry into nine 3-by-3-inch (7.5-by-7.5-cm) squares. Working in batches, to fit your press

at once, cook pastry squares with the cover set gently down on them 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned and cooked through. Transfer squares to plate to cool; set aside.

- 3 In bowl, using electric mixer, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold in sour cream, orange marmalade and honey.

- 4 Spread layer of whipped cream over 6 of the pastry squares. Top each with berries, then another square of pastry. Repeat with another layer of whipped cream, fruit and a third pastry square. Finish Napoleon with a final layer of cream, then fruit. Dust with icing sugar.

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## Grilled Halloumi, Apple & Honey



Here's proof that you can craft an elegant appetizer using nothing but a panini press.

This recipe uses halloumi, a Greek cheese that stands up to the heat of the press. Unlike most cheeses, halloumi will soften but not melt.

This makes it ideal for grilling directly on the panini press.

### Ingredients:

- 1 firm tart apple (such as Granny Smith), quartered and cored
- 8 oz (250 g) halloumi cheese, cut into 8 slices
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) torn fresh basil
- Ground black pepper
- Slices of crusty bread

### Preparation:

- 1 Heat a panini press or countertop grill to medium-high.
- 2 Slice each apple quarter into 3 slices. Arrange slices on grill, lower top and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until just tender and lightly browned on the outside. Arrange slices on a serving platter.

- 3 Use paper towel to wipe grill to remove any moisture left by apples. Add cheese slices, lower top and cook 3 or until browned on both sides. Arrange cheese on platter with apples.

- 4 Drizzle apples and cheese with honey; sprinkle with basil and pepper. Serve with bread.

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# Start-up futures

## STUDENT VOICE

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Having always had a flair for marketing, I went into university thinking I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I graduated: work for a consumer packaged goods (CPG) company. While completing my degree in business at Wilfrid Laurier University, I was able to partake in the co-op program that allowed me to gain real world experience.

I was fortunate to get placements at Disney Consumer Products and Unilever, both great CPG companies. Though I loved the brands and products that I worked on, I never felt in control of my projects and I found that myself

and my ideas often got lost.

It was my third co-op term at QuickPlay Media that really opened my eyes to the start-up environment. I excelled in the small environment and felt like I was contributing to the company's bottom line.

I grew up believing that the more popular the brand and the company, the better the opportunity to learn and succeed. However, through my co-op experiences, I learned that there are equal, if not greater, learning opportunities to be had in smaller, start-up companies.

I did some research on people who I had admired and realized that they were all entrepreneurs who had formed or been a part of a start-up. It was these people who had learned the most by going against the grain and taking risks. Upon graduating, I simultaneously took two different job po-

sitions at two very different start-ups.

**Where Amira is now**  
I am currently working as a Community Manager at My City

Lives (mycitylives.com), a digital platform for individuals to share stories and experiences about their city through videos.

**Key take-aways from Amira's school-to-work transition**

- Take advantage of internship and co-op programs offered by your school.
- Pay attention to how you feel about the style of work you're expected to do and ask yourself if it's your ideal work environment.
- Don't discount small businesses and start-ups: They often allow young, inexperienced employees to contribute their ideas.

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# Canada's leaders of new business

The Business Development Bank of Canada honoured 11 of the country's most successful young entrepreneurs at the 23rd edition of its Young Entrepreneur Awards (YEA) held in Saskatoon yesterday.

The YEA winners were chosen based on the originality of their business concept, as well as their company's success, growth potential and social involvement. The provincial and territorial selection committees also considered the entrepreneur's, the number of years he or she has been in business and any special challenges that were overcome. Among the winners were:

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Anaïs Guimond

internationally renowned Cirque du Soleil, this former bungee-trapeze performer opened a circus performing arts school in 2002 in a province and in a language that were new to her. Residents quickly embraced her ideas and enthusiasm, and Atlantic Cirque soon had 150 attendees at weekly classes. In addition to circus arts, the school offers summer camps, workshops and corporate team-building programs. ● METRO

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## More sports

## Mark Holden

The Saint Mary's Huskies defensive back has earned a CFL free-agent tryout with the Calgary Stampeders. Holden, from Halifax, had a conference-best six interceptions along with 20.5 tackles and one sack in eight games and was an Atlantic University Sport all-star last season.



## Michael Kirkpatrick

The Saint John Sea Dogs centre and former Dartmouth Subways star is out with an "upper-body injury" and is questionable to start the best-of-seven QMJHL final, according to the Saint John Telegraph-Journal. The series starts tomorrow. Kirkpatrick has 13 points in seven games.

# Huskies hopefuls eye CFL late rounds

► SMU's Hecht, Hodgson top bets to be selected ► St. F.X.'s Muamba has a shot at going first overall



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It's shaping up to be an uncharacteristically quiet day for the Saint Mary's Huskies at the CFL draft on Sunday.

Unlike recent years, there isn't much buzz around the possibility of a Huskie going early in the draft, though two players — linebacker/free safety Jeff Hecht and defensive lineman Chris Hodgson — could get the call later.

"Not this year," said Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah, of his program's early-draft potential. "But it would be nice if we had those two guys drafted."

Hecht had two interceptions and 26 tackles in eight games this season and was an Atlantic University Sport all-star.

"I see him as a late-round pick," Sumarah said.

Hodgson, a former Quebec Major Junior Hockey League forward, is more of an unknown after not starting last season and playing just one year of organized football. But he's a six-foot-three 230-pounder who posted sensational test results at the CFL draft combine in Toronto in March.

"From an athletic stand-

point, I think someone will take a chance on him," Sumarah said.

Huskies tailback Craig Leger is another player with an outside chance of being selected.

While it is expected to be a quiet day for the Huskies, linebacker Henoc Muamba of the rival St. Francis Xavier X-Men is ranked third overall and is generating plenty of discussion.

Sumarah said he's heard rumblings the three-time all-Canadian could go first overall to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, saying he'd be an "instant fit."

"His biggest thing is he's an intelligent guy, he's got high football IQ and he's physical, he's athletic," Sumarah said. "If the NFL wasn't in the state it's in right now, he might have had a few workouts there, to be honest with you."

## Huskie picks past

Saint Mary's has been well represented at the draft in recent years, with safety Saleem Borhot (12th overall last year), fullback Darcy Brown (sixth in 2009) and offensive lineman Tim St. Pierre (19th in 2010) earning high selections.



► Saint Mary's defensive back Jeff Hecht could be selected in the CFL draft on Sunday.

## UdeM will have to wait for AUS football: Report

The Universite de Moncton will likely take another year to complete a study regarding the potential addition of an Atlantic University Sport football program, according to the Moncton Times-Transcript.

AUS has targeted the school as the top candidate to join the four-team

circuit and is hosting three Uteck Bowls at Moncton Stadium starting this November as a trial to gauge interest in university football.

"We will get a clearer picture this fall (after the Uteck Bowl)," Linda Schofield, the executive director of university relations, told the Times-Transcript.

"We want to see how many university football fans there are in this area. Are there enough to make it work?"

Moncton Stadium has seating for over 10,000, and brought in stands to draw 20,725 for a CFL regular-season game last September.

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## QMJHL PLAYOFFS

### Gatineau knocks off Quebec

The Gatineau Olympiques completed a stunning comeback in their QMJHL semifinal series last night, advancing to the league final with a 5-2 win over the Quebec Remparts.

The Olympiques were down 3-1 in the best-of-

seven series to the Remparts. But Gatineau won three straight, including two in Quebec City, to advance to the President's Cup final for the first time since the 2007-08 season.

Gatineau will face the top-ranked Saint John Sea Dogs in the final.

Christian Ouellet had two goals, including the winner, and an assist for Gatineau. Philip-Michael Devos had two goals and two assists, while Mitchell Porowski also scored. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# Lightning surge to 3-0 series lead

► Two late goals have Capitals on the verge of being knocked out

Steven Stamkos and Ryan Malone scored 24 seconds apart in the third period and the streaking Tampa Bay Lightning beat Washington 4-3 to push the top-seeded Capitals to the brink of elimination in the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

After winning twice in Washington, the Lightning returned home and rallied to take a commanding 3-0 series lead. Tampa Bay can advance to the conference finals with a victory at home tonight in Game 4.

Vincent Lecavalier and Sean Bergenheim also scored for the fifth-seeded Lightning, whose sixth straight post-season win gave them a commanding lead in the best-of-seven series. Tampa Bay hasn't lost since falling into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

Alex Ovechkin had a power-play goal and an as-



sist for Washington, which led 3-2 heading into third period after Mike Knuble, John Carlson and Ovechkin scored in the second.

The momentum shifted suddenly on Stamkos' fourth goal of the playoffs.

The sellout crowd of 20,613 had barely stopped celebrating when Malone directed Nate Thompson's pass into the left corner of the net for a 4-3 lead with 14:13 remaining.

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► Eric Brewer makes a move to get past Washington's Alex Ovechkin.

## Coyotes

The NHL has exercised its option to take \$25 million US from the city of Glendale to cover losses by the Phoenix Coyotes this season.

► The city had placed the money in escrow a year ago at the NHL's insistence to cover such losses if the

sale of the team had not gone through by the end of this season.

► The NHL bought the team out of bankruptcy in September 2009 with the intention of finding a buyer to keep the team in Arizona.

► A proposed sale has been stalled by the threat of a lawsuit by the Goldwater Institute.

## Heat take 2-0 lead vs. Celtics

LeBron James scored 24 of his 35 points in the second half, Dwyane Wade added 28 and the Miami Heat used a late 14-0 run to pull away and beat the Boston Celtics

102-91 in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series last night.

Chris Bosh finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which leads the best-of-seven 2-0. The game was tied at 80 with 7:10 left, but the Celtics missed their next six shots and Miami pulled away.

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► Derrick Rose

## Bulls' Rose is youngest ever MVP

It's official: Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose is the MVP.

Rose, 22, became the NBA's youngest MVP yesterday. He joins Michael Jordan as the only other Bulls player to win the award after a spectacular season in which he led Chicago to the NBA's best record.

Rose got 113 first-place votes from media voters. Orlando's Dwight Howard was second and Miami's LeBron James third.

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## Bumper

On the TL's behind, there's a new bumper with built-in reflectors along with fresh taillights, trunklid trim and exhaust outlets.

Besides the front, the rest of the TL's physical presence remains pretty much static, save for a new selection of standard and optional multi-spoke wheels.

## Interior

Further refinements can be found inside the passenger area with upgraded trim, available ventilated front seats and an optional voice-recognition sound system that can store up to 3,500 songs on a 15-gigabyte hard drive.

As usual, the TL, even in base form, arrives as a well-turned-out vehicle, but there are a number of significant extra-cost features on the menu. The Technology Package includes a navigation system with traffic and weather updates, 440-watt ELS-brand sound system, premium leather-covered seats and keyless push-button start.

## Engine

Continuing on is the base 280-horsepower 3.5-litre V6 (which sports new friction-reducing pistons for 2012) and the optional 305-horsepower 3.7-litre V6.

However, Acura has swapped out the previous standard five-speed automatic transmission for a six-speed. The name of the game here is fuel economy and Acura reports that the 3.5 is now rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway.



► After a daring redesign for the 2009 model year, Acura clawed back the more controversial styling elements, such as the some-would-say-bizarre rear finish panel on the trunk. If you don't know what we're talking about, then the design change worked.

## New nose is good news

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Take the TL, for example. Acura's sporty sedan has always ranked high with buyers for its combination of spaciousness, styling and performance, all at an attractive price point.

However, the car's 2009-model-year makeover for the upscale-Honda-

division's top-selling sedan garnered less-than-favourable reviews, particularly for the oddly-shaped, shield-like grille and a bumper that resembled a ship's prow.

So, for the 2012 model year, the stylists have taken a scalpel to that bit of frontal daring-do and also completed numerous other modifications throughout the vehicle.

On the road, the TL,

which starts at about \$41,400 including destination charges, rides and drives pretty much like the previous edition and exhibits the same excellent road manners and interior refinement that has made it such a popular choice over the years.

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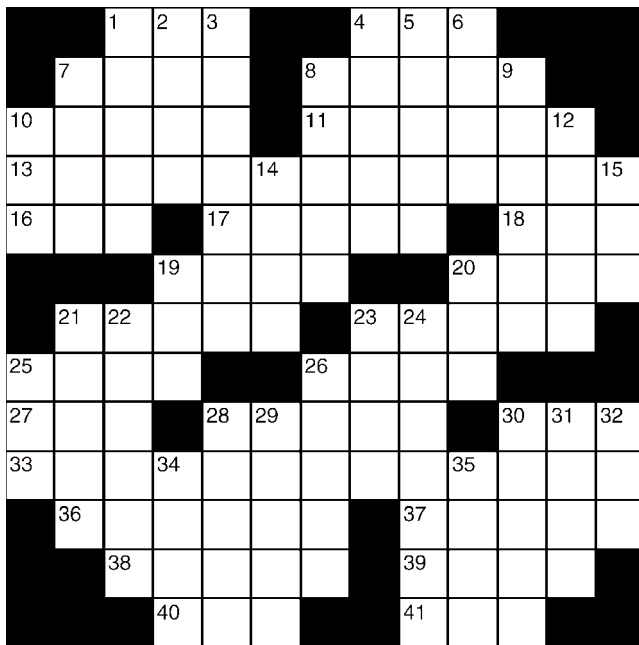
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### Across

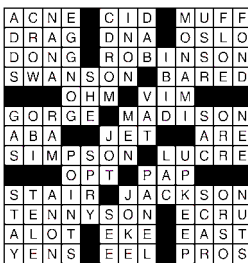
1 Commercials  
4 "Doo" follower  
7 First victim  
8 Acrylic fiber  
10 Scent  
11 Wallowed (in)  
13 Sofa, recliner, ottoman, etc.  
16 New Guinea port  
17 Antimacassar  
18 Spotted, a la Tweety  
19 Intend  
20 Arm bone  
21 Cricket, for one  
23 Performs high-tech surgery  
25 Sonic —  
26 Scoff  
27 Elev.  
28 Ladd and Alda  
30 Shemp's brother  
33 Guesswork  
36 Jog sans togs  
37 Gambling game  
38 Surpass  
39 Kill a bill  
40 French possessive  
41 English cathedral city



12 Campus bigwigs  
14 Grownup kid  
15 Old airline initials  
19 Mid-May honoree  
20 Work with  
21 Cobbler's supply  
22 Spud  
23 Chain part  
24 Exculpate  
25 Evil  
26 "King of Pop," in headlines  
28 Mountain ridge  
29 Begins  
30 Thurber's dreamer  
Walter

31 Aware of  
32 Id counterpart  
34 Tom-tom, e.g.  
35 Christmas refrain

### ► Yesterday's answer



### Down

1 Overhead  
2 Actress Moore  
3 Smear tactics  
4 Slobber  
5 Metallic blend  
6 Actress Celeste  
7 Met melody  
8 Utah politico Hatch  
9 Get snug and cozy  
10 The whole enchilada

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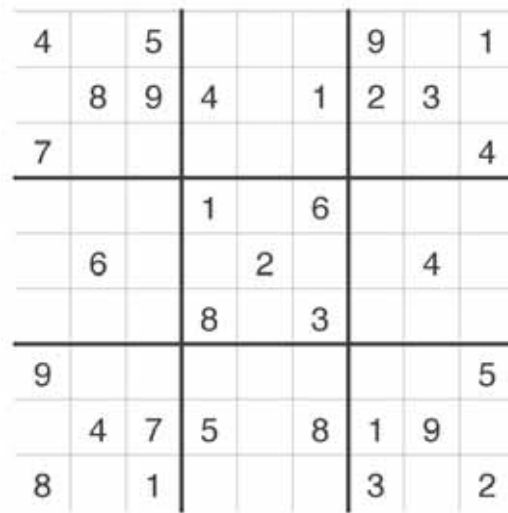
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**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 The planets in their courses will make it easy for you to excel over the next few days.  
**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 No matter how bad things might seem at the moment, they will get better very soon.  
**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 Even if things go wrong today, it won't stop you from believing that your life is blessed. It is.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Don't do things just to impress others. Do things that mean something to you personally.  
**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Get away from your usual environment for a while. The world is yours to explore.  
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**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The only way out of your predicament is to identify your problem and do something.  
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